GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA

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RIVERINE TOURISM
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether proposals have been received from the Government of West Bengal for projects on riverine tourism;

(b) if so, whether the Government has sanctioned any riverine tourism project during the last three years and in the current year;and

(c) if so, the amount of financial assistance extended by the Ministry for these projects to the Government of West Bengal during the said period?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) to (c): Development and promotion of Tourism including riverine tourism is primarily undertaken by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations themselves.However,the Ministry of Tourism extends Central Financial Assistance (CFA) to the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for project proposals under the scheme of Product/Infrastructure Development for Destinations & Circuits, subject to availability of funds and inter-se priority.

The Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned an amount of Rs.2042.35 lakh with a release of Rs.1021.18 lakh for development of Ganga Heritage River Cruise in West Bengal in 2008-09.